



County of San Luis Obispo, California

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

TO:

FROM: General Services Agency / Curtis Black

SUBJECT: Consider adding "Assist in Purchase of Pismo Preserve" to High Priority Park Projects List.

DATE: February 27, 2014

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Commission:

- 1) Add "Assist in Purchase of Pismo Preserve" to Priority Park Projects List.
- 2) Endorse the Purchase of Pismo Preserve project as worthy of local and regional agencies' support.

Discussion:

Recently the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo (LCSLO) announced the opportunity to purchase and preserve some 900 acres of pristine Oak woodlands located just north of Pismo Beach in San Luis Obispo County. This property is intended to be purchased for \$10,000,000 and made open for public trails use. The LCSLO also intends to create an endowment to ensure that maintenance funds are available for upkeep of the property.

Staff currently has a list of 29 Priority Park Projects that receive work as funding or assistance opportunities become available. The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) can add to this list by majority vote as can the Board of Supervisors. Only the Board can remove items from this list.

The LCSLO is seeking partnerships and support from local and regional agencies. Taking the recommended actions (above) will place this unique project onto the Priority Park Projects list and document the PRC's support for the project.

Actual funding assistance for the project has not been requested at this time; however, that could occur at a future date.

Other Agency Involvement

The LCSLO has met with County staff to provide an overview of this project.

Financial Considerations

There is no financial impact to taking the recommended actions noted above. Future actions could include recommendations for funding assistance or other action(s) as the County determines

appropriate.

Results

Taking the recommended actions will place the project, “Assist in purchase of Pismo Preserve” onto the Priority Park Projects List and express PRC’s support for this project regionally.

Attachments

Att 1 – Pismo Preserve Site Map

Att. 2 – Priority Park Projects List, January 2014